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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): TAMURA, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/748,156  
Filed: December 31, 2003  
For: EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE AND MEMORY ACCESS  
CONTROL METHOD THEREOF  
Group: 2133  
Examiner: P. Chung  
Conf. No.: 6972

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

January 5, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments